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## Profitable renovation projects

Perhaps you'd love to renovate your home but the expenditures involved are making you think twice. But what if you were sure that the changes you are planning will help you to resell your home? Some renovation projects can help you obtain a high enough sale price to recover your outlay.

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If you have to decide which rooms to renovate, be aware that the kitchen and the bathroom get the most attention from potential buyers. If the floor coverings in these rooms include carpeting or linoleum, you won't be wasting your time if you replace them with

wood or ceramic. Installing ceramic tiles in the shower will help to give a bathroom a special cachet that can also boost resale value.

When carrying out renovations, keep all your bills so that you can show them to potential buyers. These will demonstrate how recent your renovations are and prove that you have been taking care of your property. During the renovations keep careful track of your expenses so that you can be sure to recoup them when you sell the home. And remember that people are ready to pay more for a property that has been renovated with professionalism.



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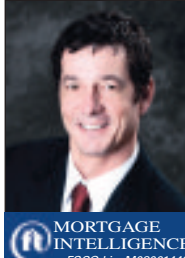
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